

## Warren Finding Disproved?

# Oswald's Mother Puts Letter Up for Auction

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A letter from Lee Harvey Oswald to his mother, Marguerite, written while the Presidential assassin was in Russia, will be offered at public auction in New York, April 6, it was learned Thursday.

H. K. Thompson, vice president of Charles Hamilton, Inc., of 25 E. 53d st., N. Y., the firm which will sell the document, said Mrs. Oswald considers the letter significant because it tends to disprove two Warren Commission conclusions:

—That Oswald wanted to give up his American citizenship while in the U.S.S.R. from October, 1959, to June, 1962.

—That Oswald did not want his wife, Marina, to learn English.

In part, the letter, written in pen and ink on lined paper, reads:

"You needn't worry about my losing American citizenship. I can only do that if I want too, and I don't want too."

Later in the letter Oswald wrote:

"Marina, unfortunately, doesn't speak any English at all. I would like her to learn, and I've bought some books for her on the subject but for now she doesn't want to learn, she speaks a little French already, (she learned in grammar school), and she doesn't want to study another language for now, she really does not have the time you know, what with her working from 10-5 and then the house-work but it doesn't matter for now."

(The casual punctuation, the misplacing of the parentheses and the misspellings are Oswalds.)

### HOLDING DOCUMENT

Mrs. Oswald, Thompson disclosed, is also holding a document which she believes will prove that her son was employed by the Government quite close to the date of the assassination, Nov. 22, 1962.

Thompson said he recently visited Mrs. Oswald in her "small neatly kept" Fort Worth home and found her to be "a very charming woman, nice and outgoing."

The deal for the sale of the letter was sealed two weeks ago, at a New York luncheon date at which Mrs. Oswald, Thompson and Charles Hamilton, owner of the gallery were present.

### 'TEARS MY HEART'

"It tears my heart to sell the letters from Lee," Hamilton quoted Mrs. Oswald as saying, but he added that she said she was "desperately in need of money."

Hamilton said he expected the letter to go for about \$1200. Hamilton's house keeps about 25 percent of the auction price.

On Sept. 30, 1965, Hamilton auctioned off a lot of Oswald's papers, including his certificate of acceptance in the Marine Corps, Christmas cards and two unopened letters from Mrs. Oswald to her son which were returned to sender. This sale brought \$7500.

### JACKIE'S LETTERS SOLD

Several letters of Mrs. Kennedy to actor Basil Rathbone were auctioned at the same sale. A clamor followed. Mrs. Kennedy's secretary, Pamela Turner said she was "shocked." On Thursday, Hamilton described the incident as "an accidental juxtaposition."

Some 300 other items, including letters of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Napoleon Bonaparte, also will be offered at the April 6 auction.